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POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, February 1, 2008
10:30 A.M.

Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioner's Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Carl Rutske, Chairperson, Edward Haik and Allan O'Shea

Others Present: Thomas Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator; Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk; Russell Pomeroy, County Treasurer; and Karen Molby, Personnel Officer/Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

The Committee reviewed a Resolution being proposed by the National Association of Counties to support their Campaign against Sexual Exploitation (CASE). After review, the Committee agreed that it was not interested in starting a task force, however, they were in support of the concept of the resolution. After discussion,

Mr. O'Shea recommended that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners pass a Resolution in Support of the Campaign against Sexual Exploitation (CASE) only and that the language regarding the creation of a task force be omitted. No alternative recommendation was proposed.
(APPENDIX A)

The Committee reviewed an Application for Education Assistance from the Manistee County Education Fund submitted by Russell Pomeroy, County Treasurer, on behalf of Mindy Dalke, Chief Deputy County Treasurer. Ms. Dalke is seeking an Associates of Arts Degree with anticipated completion date in May 2008. After review and discussion,

Mr. Haik recommended approval to reimburse Mindy Dalke for up to \$187.00 in current and future education

expenses toward obtaining an Associates of Arts Degree with proper written evidence of her grades with funds for the same being paid out of the Education Fund. No alternative recommendation was proposed.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

Mr. Kaminski advised the Committee that a Request for Proposals has been placed in the Manistee News Advocate for video taping the Board of Commissioner's meeting. Proposals are due Wednesday, February 13, 2008 by 5:00 P.M.

The Committee began initial discussions regarding creating a joint Manistee/Benzie Building Department. Mr. O'Shea stated that he has requested the Benzie County Building Inspector to put together a proposal for the Committee to review. It was suggested that this be included as one of the Agenda items for the next Regional Summit meeting to obtain input from the various Townships.

Ms. Kliber appeared before the Committee to request copies of various documents which have been amended over the last several years in order to update the County Clerk Personnel Policy Manual. Mr. Kaminski explained that a Memorandum has been circulated to all County Department Supervisors, Elected Officials and Judges requesting their input regarding current and future technology, capital improvement and policy issues. Forms were attached to that Memorandum with space to write down those concerns. These forms are to be completed and returned by Friday, February 14, 2008. It was suggested that the process to update all Personnel Policy Manuals be commenced once these forms have been received and reviewed by Committee.

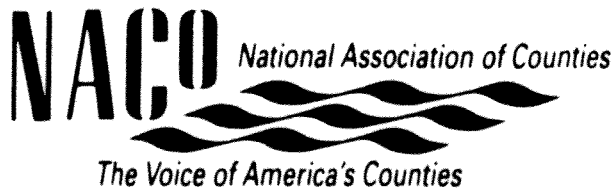
Mr. O'Shea indicated that he has reviewed the proposed Master Plan update. He stated that he still does not feel the document in an acceptable format and is requesting that all drafts of the Plan be submitted to the Policy Committee first for their review and comment. Mr. Kaminski suggested that Mr. O'Shea speak with Susan Wagner, County Planning Director.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Carl Rutske, Chairperson

Edward Haik, Commissioner

Allan O'Shea, Commissioner



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Mr. Thomas D. Kaminski
Controller/Administrator
Manistee County
415 Third Street
Manistee, MI 49660-1606

Dear Controller/Administrator Kaminski,

We are writing to encourage your county to join the National Association of Counties' (NACo) Campaign against Sexual Exploitation (CASE). The CASE initiative hopes to raise awareness about the sexual exploitation of children, disseminate best practices to combat this growing epidemic, and encourage counties nationwide to convene local task forces and adopt resolutions in support of CASE in a national effort to safeguard children from potential predators.

This is not a pleasant subject, but child sexual exploitation is prevalent in our society. Today, child victims are being sought on the Internet and in traditional gathering places such as shopping malls, fast food restaurants, under-21 clubs and through "modeling" agencies. These children are being recruited from communities across the U.S. and across all racial and socio-economic lines. Many innocent victims battle depression, posttraumatic stress syndrome, or become drug abusers. Some may even become sexual offenders themselves. This type of victimization often carries with it an enormous social and financial burden.

The best way we can protect children, we believe, is by working together, county by county, all across the country. You can assist us in this national endeavor to combat child sexual exploitation. What can you do to help?

- ✓ Log onto the NACo Website at <http://www.naco.org/CASE>, where you can access numerous resources that you can use to address this issue in your county.
- ✓ Adopt the "Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE)" resolution during your next county commission meeting. A sample resolution is located on the Website.
- ✓ Mail a copy of your approved local CASE resolution to Dalen A. Harris, NACo Associate Legislative Director at NACo (25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001).
- ✓ Create a community task force to protect, educate or combat child sexual exploitation in your county. Law enforcement officers, social service workers, clergy members, and public health officials are just some of the people you may want to include; however, we encourage you to create task forces that are tailored to what best meet the needs of your community.
- ✓ Inform NACo about other activities that you are performing in your county to combat child sexual exploitation. Throughout the year, we will regularly update the CASE Website. The information you provide may be a resource to other counties.

In closing, we hope your county will be able to support the CASE initiative. Please feel free to contact Dalen A. Harris, NACo Associate Legislative Director at 202-942-4236 or email dharris@naco.org if you have any additional questions. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Eric Coleman, President
National Association of Counties

Commissioner Nancy Boxill, Chair
CASE Task Force



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MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CAMPAIGN AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 2008.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____:

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, in a one-year period, an estimated 1.6 million children either ran away from or were thrown out of their homes; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 40,000 of these children will be involved in some form of sexual exploitation and victimization by predators; and

WHEREAS, many child victims of prostitution are abandoned or neglected children, who have not been reported missing to law enforcement or have run away from their homes or foster care; and

WHEREAS, the average age at which a child enters into prostitution is 14 years old, however, children as young as 9 years old are being exploited; and

WHEREAS, although hundreds of thousands of children have been lured into prostitution, it is far too often overlooked that a child can never consent to prostitution - it is always exploitation; and

WHEREAS, though the prostitution of female children is more widely publicized, male children are also susceptible to the same dangers as females in this world of exploitation; and

WHEREAS, the dangers that children face as a result of prostitution are both immediate and long-term. Most immediate is the physical, mental and emotional violence that these once innocent children experience at the hands of pimps, madams and customers. Long-term dangers include health problems, drug addictions, adverse psychological effects and even death; and

WHEREAS, the most tangible consequence for children involved in prostitution is the extremely high probability of suffering violent assault. Prostituted children are often afraid to report these crimes to law enforcement because they are embarrassed and fearful that the charges would not be taken seriously or that they may be arrested themselves; and

WHEREAS, housing instability, poverty, untreated psychological and emotional problems, substance abuse, educational and vocational failure and major problems at home have all been cited as common precipitating factors in the lives of exploited children; and

WHEREAS, the children's young age, inadequate education and lack of the necessary street sense to survive alone all contribute to them resorting to engaging in exchanging sex for food, money, shelter, drugs or protection; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) have partnered for a national campaign to promote child safety and help prevent the commercial child sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, this national campaign is being supported here in Manistee County to heighten the public awareness of child sexual exploitation and help give communities across the United States effective strategies and tools to better safeguard their children; and

WHEREAS, the national campaign urges key stakeholders within a community to begin dialogues on topics related to child sexual exploitation and advocating for the prevention of such victimization; and

WHEREAS, local communities are requested to join in demonstrating their commitment to protecting children and to send a clear message to child sexual offenders that the criminal and sexual victimization of children will not be tolerated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners hereby joins with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) to initiate a campaign dedicated to preventing commercial child sexual exploitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this adopted resolution be sent to the National Association of Counties, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and the Manistee County Human Services Coordinating Body.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF MANISTEE)

I, Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Manistee County Board of Commissioners at its regular monthly meeting held on the 19th day of February, 2008, by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

NOT VOTING:

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Manistee this 19th day of February, 2008.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk

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